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Alabama residents are encouraged to prepare for extreme cold weather

CLANTON—The Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Birmingham office of the National Weather Service want Alabama residents to be prepared to experience the coldest continuous temperatures of the winter season. The extreme temperatures which have been forecast may present an unusual risk to you, your home and your pets.

“The Alabama Emergency Management Agency encourages all Alabamians to be aware of the forecast and conditions in their area. Listen to the latest weather warnings and bulletins on NOAA weather radio or your local radio and television station,” said Director Brock Long.

Winter Weather Safety Tips:

- Have a winter-ready home (insulated water pipes, alternate heat source)
- Have a family emergency plan (including plan for pets and livestock)
- Have a family emergency kit (blankets, warm clothes, in addition to usual kit supplies)

More information on being ready for winter weather is available at www.ema.alabama.gov.

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